

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:190
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
RADIO STATION AT KARGIL
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether it is a fact that the resident of the border areas are exposed to Pakistani propaganda in the absence of full-fledged radio stations;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether there has been any demand from residents of kargil to set up a full-fledged radio station in Kargil;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a full-fledged radio station there;
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be set up; and
- (f) the details of various steps taken to strengthen the broadcasting system in border areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 190 REGARDING RADIO STATION AT KARGIL FOR ANSWER ON 3RD AUGUST, 2001.

(a) & (b): Full-fledged Radio Stations of AIR are already providing radio coverage to the areas bordering Pakistan. Radio broadcasts from across the border can also be received in these areas.

(c), (d) & (e): A full-fledged radio station, with transmitter and programme generating studio, is already operational in Kargil since 1997.

(f): A special plan for expanding AIR and Doordarshan coverage in J&K is already under implementation, which includes setting up of an additional 200 KW Medium Wave Transmitter at Kargil.